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Rat Portage, Ontario, July 30th, 1883.

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T[illegible]
S[illegible]
Th[illegible] com[illegible] hote[illegible] [illegible] up from ground to roof.
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LAKE VIEW HOUSE!
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VERY CHOICEST
OF
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LIQUORS,
Cigars and Tobaccos.
JAS. GORE, - PROP.

MILLIONAIRE AND BAREF[illegible]

Harper's Monthly.

'Tis evening, and the round, red su[illegible]
slowly in the West,
The flowers fold their petals up and th[illegible]
fly to their nest,
The crickets chirrup in the grass, th[illegible]
to and fro,
And tinkle, tankle up the lane the b[illegible]
tle go;
And the rich man from his carriage
on them as they come—
On them and on the Barefoot Boy [illegible]
the cattle home.

"I wish," the boy says to himself—"
I were he,
And yet, upon maturer thought,
siree!
Not for all the gold his coffers hol[illegible]
that duffer there,
With a liver pad and a gouty to[illegible]
single hair;
To have a wife with a Roman
lest a panic come—
Far better to be the Barefoot [illegible]
the cattle home."

And the rich man murmurs to himself:—"W[illegible]
I give all my pelf
To change my lot with yonder boy! Not if
know myself.
Over the grass that's full of ants and chill with
dew to go,
With a stone bruise upon either heel and a
splinter in my toe;
Oh, I'd rather sail my yacht a year across the
ocean's foam
Than be one day the Barefoot Boy that drives
the cattle home."

CRIMES AND DISASTERS

Chronicle of Misdeeds and Casualties.

ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, Nov. 19.—Saint Pierre announces a furious snow storm there on Friday and Saturday last, attended with great loss of life and property. Ships were driven on the rocks and the crews perished. The ship Portland, lumber laden, a schooner and two brigantines, bound for France, were driven upon a reef and wrecked. Several vessels were driven from their anchorage and partly wrecked. Trepassey advices report that several bodies came ashore there and at St. Shotts. None have been identified as yet as all are mutilated and heads, arms and legs are severed from the trunks. At St. Shotts a large vessel drove by dismasted and looked abandoned. The steamer Caspian was detained four days by the hurricane and was unable on Saturday to [illegible]. Three schooners went [illegible] Trinity Bay and one in Captain [illegible] steamer Missouri, from [illegible] Liverpool, passed Cape Race on [illegible] and reported frightfully stormy [illegible].

OTHER [illegible].

MONTREAL, [illegible]. 19.—Further reports of the [illegible] of the gale last week [illegible] in daily. The following [illegible] sailors named St. Jean, residing at Sorel, drowned. Mr. Fonsiquant, with his wife and five children, were drowned while crossing the river in a boat from Gentilly to Champlain. Victor Veuillette, a sailor on board the schooner Charles, was blown overboard and drowned. It is reported that the barge Alabama was found abandoned on Lake St. Louis, and it is feared the crew perished. The gale played havoc with some light ships on Lake St. Louis.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Nov. 19.—Telegrams from Swanton, O., to-day say that Samuel Hemay shot his wife, who was formerly a widow named Stephens, this afternoon and tried to kill her daughter, Mrs. Liba, and then shot himself. Both are dead. They had been married about a year and quarrelled.

THE OYSTER BAY TRAGEDY.

ROSLYN, N. Y., Nov. 19.—The excitement over the double tragedy at Brookville is unabated. The funeral of the victims was to have taken place on Wednesday. The Coroner began the inquest today. Mr. Garrett Maybec, the husband of one of the victims, and father of the other, said that besides two watches the murderer carried off $96 in money. Other witnesses testified to finding the bodies in the barn. The inquest was not finished. To-day Mr. Maybec was in a fairway to recover, and he could see his hands, his eyesight being better than before in many months. This is accounted for by the running of the wound in his head. Two men have been arrested near Oyster Bay, and three in Brooklyn on suspicion, but as yet no strong evidence has been obtained against them.

SETTLING A DISPUTE.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 19.—Joseph Goodwin sued the Southern Express Company for $50,000 damages for false imprisonment. During an adjournment Goodwin was stabbed in the breast and back by A. A. Adams, a messenger employed by the company. The wounds are serious. Goodwin had stated that Adams stole a watch, for which he was arrested.

INCENDIARISM.

WELLANDPORT, Ont., Nov. 19.—Charles Robbins' barns and several adjoining buildings were burned to-day. It is believed to have been the work of an incendiary. Loss $2,000; insured for $1,600.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

SIMCOE, Ont., Nov. 19.—Joseph Adams, Thomas Lawler and John Long, charged with participating in the great diamond robbery at Darling's jewelry store, on the 5th of November, were brought before Police Magistrate Matheson to-day and remanded until Thursday, bail being refused.

SAW-MILL BURNED.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Nov. 19.—McIntosh's steam saw-mill, at Springfield, was burned yesterday; loss $2,000; uninsured.

It is well known, says the Industrial Chronicle, that the round form is the best for chimneys in workshops. It facilitates the escape of the smoke and gives less hold for the wind, besides requiring less material for construction. Round chimneys are, however, difficult to build, and in some places the want of workmen to make the round kind has compelled the adoption of square or octagonal forms. To obviate this a European firm makes bricks in the shape of wedges and corresponding with the radius which the chimney is to have.

The Czar is next thing to a dead man. A Nihilist editor has fired a poem at him.

[illegible]w standard, and voted for the change at the recent time-table convention held in Chicago. It had decided, however, not to change its clocks, as the eastern connections, the Milwaukee & St. Paul, and Omaha roads did not intend doing so. Since receiving information of the decision reached after the consultation between the superintendents of the two roads, it has again decided to make the change, and its officials are now engaged upon a time-table governing the change. The Northern Pacific has yet to decide, but in all probability the change will be authorised upon the return of Assistant General Manager Odell, now out on a tour of inspection. The St. Paul & Duluth officials are also again considering the change.

VETERINARY SURGEONS.

Appointments for the Various Districts throughout the Province.

William McEachran, V. S., of the city of Winnipeg, has been appointed consulting veterinarian of the Department of Agriculture with authority to exercise in any part of the Province any of the powers conferred by the agriculture statistics and health act of 1883, or by any order of council passed thereunder.

The following gentlemen have been appointed district veterinaries under the provisions of Section 68 of the above Act:

D. H. McFadden, of the city of Emerson, V. S., for the counties of Manchester and Emerson.

Matthew Young, of Pembina Crossing, V. S., for the counties of Dufferin and Rock Lake.

Frederick Torrence, of the city of Brandon, V. S., for the county of Brandon.

David McNaught of the town of Rapid City, V. S., for the counties of Minnedosa, Riding Mountain, Shoal Lake, and Russell.

Samuel J. Thompson, of Carberry, V. S., for the counties of Norfolk and Beautiful Plains.

William McEschran, of the city of Winnipeg, M. D., V. S., for the county of Selkirk.

John E. Gemmell, of the town of Selkirk, V. S., for the counties of Lisgar, Gimli, Plessis and Varennes.

John Loughman, of the city of Winnipeg, V. S., for the county of D'Iberville.

Christopher Taylor, of the city of Winnipeg, V. S., for the county of Lorette.

Chas. Little, of the city of Winnipeg, V. S., for the counties of Marquette and Fairford.

William Alexander Dunbar, of the city of Winnipeg, V. S., for the county of Westbourne.

W. J. Hinman, of the city of Winnipeg, V. S., for the county of Portage la Prairie.

The boundaries of the above counties are to be the same as are described in the first section of the municipalities' act of 1883.

SAVING A FATHER'S LIFE.

How a Nine-Year-Old Boy Thwarted a Murderous Negro.

Atlanta Constitution.

Allison, the little nine-year-old son of Mr. W. P. Perry, of Calhoun County, Ga., saved his father's life by a remarkable display of courage and deliberation. This little son of Mr. Perry and a stout negro man named Pleasant Woodson were driving the gin of Mr. Perry. Allison had a whip that had been given him by a negro boy on the place. Pleasant wanted the whip, and, being refused by the little boy, took it by force, choking and otherwise treating the little fellow very roughly. About the time Pleasant attacked Allison, Mr. Perry rode up in his buggy, and, seeing his little boy in the hands of the enraged ruffian, ran up with his buggy whip when the negro drew his knife and rushed upon Mr. Perry, who, being unarmed, struck the negro with the butt end of his whip, hoping thereby to check his advance. The whip broke, however, and Mr. Perry stepping backward, stumbled over a wagon tire and fell, his assailant's knife piercing his clothes and slightly cutting his thigh. The negro fell on Mr. Perry with open knife, and was just in the act of plunging the long, keen blade in Mr. Perry's heart when Allison, seeing his father's extreme peril, picked up an old axe, and with the courage and precision of a man, struck the negro a stunning blow on the head, so completely demoralizing him that he scampered away with addled brain and bruised head. Thus it will be seen that a nine-year-old boy saved his father from a horrible death by having pluck.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

Judge no man by his disappearance.

Bread in the bone—a dough-faced skeleton.

Uneasy roosts the hen that bears a "coon."

Quick at figures—A cyclone in a sculptor's studio.

Half-sees over—The boy who peers through the middle of the fence.

To-day the average washerwoman has more than three sheets in the wind.

"Train up a child in the way he should go," and then look out for yourself when he gets going.

... happy America far removed from the scene of proboscie carnage that she cannot be drawn into it! Lucky Canada, which need not, unless she likes, furnish a man or dollar even should the Mother Country be involved in the vortex.

ACCORDING to the London (Eng.) Times, the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police is henceforth to be recruited from the non-commissioned ranks of the Royal Marines. The Marines have, of late years, been placed on a par with the regular marching regiments, after having long pined in what was regarded by both officers and men as an inferior position—still they are, to all intents and purposes, sea-soldiers. If, as the Times states, they are to have the first offer of service in the coming re-organization of our Northwest force, we predict the time is not distant when the latter will cease to be called by its present distinctive appellation and be popularly dubbed the Royal Canadian Horse Marines.

A GENTLEMAN, who knows whereof he speaks, and who has been over the dump to inspect the so-called road improvement, says the work oughtn't to have cost a cent more than forty dollars, and he doubts very much whether that amount has been spent upon it. He offers to find twenty men who will do all and more "work" than is to be seen on this road in one day. If this be correct (and we are bound, considering the practical and trustworthy character of our informant to believe it so), all we can say is, that a searching enquiry ought to be instituted into the disposal of the $500 given by the Manitoba Government for road making, and that the Minister of Public Works should narrowly scrutinize any vouchers sent in to him on account of this service. There is evidently a screw loose somewhere, and a very big screw at that.

A MEETING was held at the St. Charles Hotel, Main street, recently, for the purpose of organizing an Orange Lodge in this town. We have been favored with a list of those present, and a partial account of the proceedings, but forbear publication until a later period. We may, however, state that a considerable section of the fraternity, assisted by applicants for initiation, wished the projected Lodge to have a political character in the sense of John A. Macdonaldism; on the other hand another and a strong section favor non-intervention in party politics, and strict adherence to Orange principles, which, in spirit, are by no means antagonistic to any one creed or nationality. The latter section believe that if the Orange body is purged of party politics, and becomes a benevolent association, pure and simple, all objections to incorporation will disappear. We published last week a suggestive article on this subject from the Manitoulin Expositor, a journal having considerable influence with the Orangemen on the Island—numbering about one thousand.

IT is one of the cardinal principles of the Reform party that Government officials should not interfere in politics. Mr. Aubrey White is a living example of this. So are Brigadier Pattullo and General Burden.—Winnipeg Times.

Without entering upon the question whether one, two, or all three of the gentlemen indicated have been "interfering in politics"—and without enquiring which of them is, or is not, a "Government official," we would ask our contemporary to explain how it came that members of the Dominion Civil Service were sent into Muskoka and Algoma to stump and cajole and bribe for Messrs. Fauquier and Plummer! There were Weights and Measures Inspector Wilkinson, Inland Revenue Officers Cosgrove and Bennett, Customs Collector Marshall, and a number of smaller fry, all detailed from regular duty, but drawing their salaries, no doubt, while employed on "particular service." If the Times will tell us what it thinks of those men's "interference in politics," we will tell it all we know about Messrs. Burden and White's doings at Rat Portage, though we much fear the recital will not be sufficiently seasoned to suit our contemporary's taste which has become so terribly vitiated during the past few months as to need strong condiments.

A CORRESPONDENT suggests that the ... of Attorney-General Miller, relative to real estate being almost valueless in Rat Portage, referred not to property on Hudson Bay reserve, but to locations ... the so-called "Rideout Estate," in which Mr. Miller has been credited with ... an interest. If this view be the ... we can quite understand Mr. ...'s plaint, and the cause of it. We also understand why that gentleman ... particularly anxious for a settlement of the boundary dispute adverse to ... the interests of Ontario. It is also quite ...ble why he makes common cause ... the land and timber grabbers who ... been seeking still further to despoil ... territory. Mr. Rideout and Mr. ...'s interests if not identical are, we ... sufficiently strong to impel them ... very effort to secure titles from the ... or Manitoba, and this they ... do, while Ontario persists in claiming ...ership. In this they are simply ... ambo, or birds of a feather, ... utterings will deceive nobody.

... issue of the 21st September we ... arrival in Rat Portage of Mr. ... Johnston, M. P. P. for West ... great crony of Sir John A. ... who had come up here to ... Chamberlain's contingent in their ... attempt to defeat the Liberal candidate in Algoma. We said, among other things, that it might be well for Mr Johnston in case he tarried here, not to resort to the peculiar devices which were understood to have been specially potent in securing his election in West Middlesex, and an investigation of which might reveal a new and improved edition of the Muskoka plan. What we then suggested as possible has now actually come to pass. Jumbo has been unseated and has only "escaped disqualification by the skin of his teeth." Whether it will be a lesson to him or not it is hard to say. Politicians of his stamp have elastic consciences. But, in common decency, he should forbear in future to show his face at election contests outside of the riding which he and his friends have done their best to debauch, and which sadly lost caste in the eyes out of outsiders in returning such a man as Johnston as its representative.

THE new Provincial Treasurer of Ontario in his address on nomination (and election) day, spoke with no uncertain sound on the boundary question. He said: Had Mr. Meredith and his followers continued to give to Mr. Mowat that energetic support which they promised him we would to-day have been in peaceable and undisputed possession of that territory, and the people of Ontario would not have been disgraced and humiliated by Manitoba bayonets, being imported to intimidate Ontario electors at the polls. As a private member he had given to Mr. Mowat's Government a cordial support, because their course had been such as he could honestly approve of. He had accepted a place in that Government because he believed their course in future will be guided by the same desire to govern the Province honestly, economically, and wisely; to do no act that would bring discredit upon the Province or upon the party: to shape their legislation so that it will conduce to the morality, the sobriety, and the happiness of the people; to maintain firmly and determinedly the territorial and legislative rights of the Province, and to prevent the people of Ontario from being robbed of one acre of territory that rightfully belongs to them, or one valued constitutional right guaranteed to them by Confederation.

THE Mail waxes perfectly frantic about the enormities committed by the agents of the Mowat Government in Algoma, but has not a word to say about the doings of that injured patriot Shields and his gang in Muskoka. When the inner workings of the Algoma contest are revealed in an Election Court—if the injured innocents ever get so far—it will be discovered that it is not the depravity, corruption and moral turpitude of the Grits that has stirred the Tory bile, but the unheard of impudence they displayed in not allowing car loads of bogus voters to be polled at Keewatin and Rat Portage, and on the line of road east, as was shamelessly done during the McDougall-Dawson contest. The Shields gang thought that little game could be repeated and actually got the burly Premier of Manitoba, Ex-Attorney-General Sutherland and Truthful James to help in accomplishing it! But it fell through notwithstanding the presence in the flesh of those "potent, grave and reverened signors," and never there was a sicker crowd—physically and mentally—than that crowd on the night of the election. Had they not been foiled, as they were foiled, Mr. Lyon would not to-day be the member for Algoma. As it was, fraudulent votes were cast both at Keewatin and Rat Portage—a circumstance which can be easily provided against in future contests, by having thoroughly trustworthy assessment rolls like the one just completed by the municipal assessor.

THE GRAIN YIELD OF ALGOMA.

Following is a statement of area and produce of the principal crops for the District of Algoma, for the years 1882 and 1883:

	1882.		1883.	
	ACRES.	BUSHS.	ACRES.	BUSHS.
Fall Wheat	482	8,572	817	20,125
Spr'g Wheat	7008	135,254	11,885	300,01
Barley	577	11,125	385	11,463
Oats	3665	171,155	2,315	92,600
Rye	202	3,030	105	1,577
Peas	3512	90,770	2,658	79,740

The above is taken from the November Report of the Ontario Bureau of Industries, compiled by the indefatigable Secretary, Mr. Archibald Blue.

THE chief Copperhead organ in Toronto made a grand discovery a little while ago and it has been ringing the changes on it ever since, in a way peculiarly its own. In making up the forms of the ARGUS, a paragraph copied from an Ontario Copperhead print about Hon. Mr. Hardy and his assumed purchase of Dakota lands, got into the editorial columns without the remarks of which it formed the text, thus making it appear that we, and not the Copperhead, believed the statements of a couple of Minnesota papers, edited by immigrant Ontario Tories, affecting Mr. Hardy's veracity. Anybody, not a venomous journalistic dupe, would have known that it was an accidental slip of the composing room, but the chief Copperhead organ pounced upon it as furnishing an excellent opportunity for showing how the Provincial Secretary was estimated by his own friends! A great organ must be hard up for points against its adversaries when it can stoop to a device of this kind to serve a party advantage. Even Peter X would be ashamed of such tactics, but nothing is too shameless, it appears, for the editor of the gentleman's organ. So far as we know, not another journal in the country has, in this matter, been guilty of the despicable meanness of following the Mail's example.

RESISTING THE PEOPLE.

Two important points ought to be borne in mind with reference to the attitude of the Dominion and Manitoba Governments in dealing with the disputed territory.

First: Both Governments grossly violate and disregard the unanimous award of a competent arbitration by which the Province of Ontario was declared to be the rightful possessor of this territory; and

Second: They continue to resist the will of the people most directly interested, who have unmistakably declared their preference for Ontario's authority being permanently established here.

The first point it is not now necessary to discuss; but with respect to the second it may be well to recall the fact, in view of Attorney-General Miller's declared purpose in visiting the town this week, that the people of Rat Portage, after eighteen months' painfully unsatisfactory experience of Manitoba's rule, formally repudiated it and substituted in its stead that of Ontario.

A municipality was incorporated under Ontario: a Council elected by acclamation; that Council has since discharged its duties satisfactorily; the people are perfectly content with it; and the peace of the town is undisturbed. But, for political and mischievous purposes, the Attorney-General of Manitoba now thrusts himself upon the people of Rat Portage, and in effect tells them that they don't know their own business; that they are incompetent to say who shall rule over them; and that they must submit, by process of law, if not otherwise, to the dictates of himself and the so-called Manitoba Council. Thanks to the independence of two members of the Council, Mr. Miller's impudent and mischievous resolution was only pushed through even that remakable body by the skin of its teeth. They felt, as the people of the town at large felt, that Manitoba's present interference with municipal affairs here is wholly uncalled for and is an insult to the intelligence and a gross attack upon the inalienable rights of free Canadians. We shall not be surprised if this feeling is demonstrated to Mr. Miller and his colleagues in a manner more unmistakable than heretofore.

MR. MILLER AT RAT PORTAGE.

Attorney-General Miller came and saw Rat Portage this week, but we very much doubt whether he has conquered. What he hopes to gain by issuing a habeas corpus for the release of Creighton, and how a vote of the Manitoba Council can authorise his proceeding against the members of the Ontario Council are questions which may well puzzle simple citizens unused to the quiddities which are evolved from deep legal intellects like that of the valiant Attorney-General of Manitoba. He doubtless sees his way clear now—indeed he boasts of it—to an immediate settlement of the boundary dispute because of his action at Rat Portage. So certain is he that the whole question will be solved before nine months are over, that he offered to drop all proceedings against McQuarrie, if the latter would only consent to apologise for resisting arrest! Well, we shall see, but we are under the impression that neither Mr. Miller or the Manitoba Government are going to make Ontario yield one iota of the ground she has taken, and we question much whether she will consent to join issue on any question Mr. Miller may think proper to raise. The Attorney-General cannot expect Mr. Mowat to dance to his music, or deviate by one hairsbreadth from the policy pursued during the past four years. The Ontario authorities will carry on their duties quietly if they can, but still unflinchingly. The Council will preserve its organization, and go on with the work they have undertaken. The citizens will give their moral support in a greater ratio than before to the Government which has proved a benefactor, as against a Government that has broken its pledges and done nothing but foment discord. A protest against the Manitoba Government's interference will be the next thing in order, and that can be signed by five-sixths of the ratepayers without distinction of party—by Conservatives as well as Liberals.

The enemy are trying to make it appear that the fight is one between the Ontario officials on the one hand and the people of Manitoba on the other. Nothing can be farther from the truth. Ontario has no quarrel with Manitoba, but she has with the Government of which Mr. Miller is an active member. That Government is an agent of Sir John Macdonald, as confessed by Mr. Norquay himself; it is acting as custodian of territory which does not belong to it—territory which Ontario claims ownership, and from which she cannot be rightfully ejected. The fight is really with the Federal Government, which is employing that of Manitoba to do work so uncleanly that it is ashamed of it, and skulks in the background. Mr. Miller promises to go on with this work regardless of expense. It is to be hoped that the Dominion will furnish the funds, for sure we are the taxpayers of Manitoba will hold their Government to strict account for every dollar expended on behalf of the Dominion in the disputed territory.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL MILLER AT RAT PORTAGE.

How He tried to "Fix-up" our "Little Town."

Attorney-General Miller arrived here from Winnipeg on Monday afternoon, and immediately put himself in communication with Mayor Oliver and the members of the Manitoba Council, with the result that a meeting of that body was called for seven o'clock. At three o'clock, Mr. Malcolm McQuarrie, who holds an Ontario shop license, was summoned to appear before Manitoba Police Magistrate Brereton to answer a charge of selling liquor without a license on the 16th inst. McQuarrie disregarded the summons and a strong armed force of the Ontario police was placed in and outside his store, with instructions to prevent his arrest should a warrant be issued. Miller threatened in case of a disturbance again to bring out the Field Battery from Winnipeg, but there are signs of his ardour abating, for later on he informally expressed a desire to hold a conference with the officials of Ontario with a view to arranging matters. The latter would not consent to discuss the situation with Mr. Miller without a specific order being given by their government, and they determined in the meantime to prevent McQuarrie's arrest and deportation to Winnipeg, as contemplated by Mr. Miller. The town was in a ferment over this last move of the Norquay Government, and there is a possibility of rough measures being resorted to by the citizens if Miller's scheme is not abandoned. At the Council meeting, Mr. Miller was present, and was instrumental in the introduction of a resolution to the following effect:

"Moved by Councillor Gadbois, seconded by Councillor Alexander, that the Attorney-General be instructed to take the necessary action, under the advice of this Council, to prevent Messrs. Holmes, the Reeve, and Councillors Stubbs, Chadwick, Macdonald and Baker from interfering with this Corporation, and with the government and management of the town."

On being put to the vote, Messrs. Gadbois and Alexander voted yea; Messrs. McKinnon and Kobold, nay. The Mayor, after considerable hesitation, and under pressure of Messrs. Miller, Alexander and Gadbois, gave his casting vote in favor of the motion. The object of this move is the filing of a bill in the Court of Queen's Bench at Winnipeg to restrain the Ontario corporation, individually and collectively, from interfering with the Municipal Government of Rat Portage. Mr. Miller threatened that unless McQuarrie, for whose arrest a warrant was issued, appeared on Tuesday morning he would, if necessary, be brought to court at the point of the bayonet.

On the following morning, four constables entered Mr. McQuarrie's store, and one of them—Creighton—jumped over the counter and laid hands upon Mr. McQuarrie. The Ontario police instantly interfered and Creighton was marched off to the jail on the hill, on a charge of assault. Later, when McQuarrie was being escorted to the Court House to give his evidence, he was pounced upon, outside the Rideout House, by Manitoba Constables Noxon and Campbell. In a twinkling they were surrounded by about twenty of the Ontario police, who released McQuarrie and conducted Noxon and Campbell to jail. The latter were subsequently bailed out by Attorney-General Miller in the sum of forty dollars each. Creighton was permitted to remain in durance, it being apparently desired by the Attorney-General to ascertain the value of a writ of habeas corpus issued by a Manitoba Judge in the disputed territory.

Chief Constantine arrived here with the writ on Thursday and immediately presented it to Stipendiary Lyon and Jailer McKay. At the time of the present writing, no action has been decided upon, and as the writ is not returnable for three days, it will probably not be known until Saturday what action the Ontario authorities will take.

Winnipeg Times: "Constable O'Keefe denies the truth of the Argus' report of the recent trouble at Rat Portage. He says he did not arrest Gore—a fact that was proved in court, and that the report in the Argus seems to have been published with the intention of injuring him, rather than with a desire of giving facts to the public."

The ARGUS stated that "the people of Rat Portage were astonished and not a little enraged when they learned that the notorious Constable O'Keefe had arrested Mr. Gore" and this was and is the fact. If the arrest was not actually made by O'Keefe, it was made at his instance, as shown during the investigation, and that amounts to much the same thing. The report contained the bare facts. Had we been desirous of injuring Mr. O'Keefe we should have stated, to the full, all the hard things the people of Rat Portage have to say about him.—Ed. ARGUS.

The Tory organ may extract what comfort it can from its vain imagining that there has been a "Rat Portage fizzle." The fact is that if there has been any "fizzle" it has not been on the part of Ontario. Ontario is there and is administering her territory, punishing offenders, and preserving the peace. Ontario rule is becoming daily more popular at Rat Portage and Manitoba rule daily more unpopular. That is what worries the Copperhead organ.—Globe.

A large delegation of manufacturers and commercial men of Australia are making arrangements to visit this country next spring.

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Gore's new hall is fast approaching completion.

Mr. S. J. Dawson, M.P., arrived in Winnipeg from Port Arthur on Thursday.

The St. Charles Hotel building has been removed to the corner of Main and Second streets.

Anglican Church services will be held on Sunday morning and evening, in the Ontario Court Room.

Mr. W. H. McKay, Jailor, is about to visit Woodstock, and on his return, a fortnight hence, will bring his family.

A new C. P. track has been laid to the coal sheds with a view to facilitating the unloading of coal cars from the east.

A notification has been received of the grant of the school allowance for next year by the Department of Education, Toronto.

Mr. Robert Emerson, locomotive engineer from Rossland, has again taken up his residence for the winter on Prospect Hill.

Mr. Cunningham, auditor of the Section B. accounts, is expected in town in a day or two. Mr. J. J. McDonald is also said to be en route.

The arrangement alluded to in last week's ARGUS about the sale or lease of the Queen's Hotel appears to have fallen through. Mr. Gore retains possession in the meantime.

It is understood that a new school teacher is to be appointed at Rat Portage. The necessary authority arrived a few days ago for the payment of Ontario funds for that purpose.

The new round house is rapidly approaching completion. It is far ahead in completeness to the former structure, and will, no doubt, be found entirely satisfactory to the company.

"The Roaring Game."—Steps are being taken to organise a Thistle Curling Club at Rat Portage, and the stones are to be ordered right away. Mr. A. Matheson is suggested as the first president.

Mr. G. R. Crowe of the firm of Boyd & Crowe, lumber merchants of Winnipeg, took the opportunity afforded by a business visit to Keewatin last week to come over and see his friends in Rat Portage.

Saw logs are so plentifully scattered along the lake shore that many of our wealthiest people have all the fire wood they may require for the winter at the "back door." They don't forget to make use of it either.

Work is proceeding vigorously on the new round house of the C. P. R. and before this paper goes to press the framework will have been well nigh completed. The new building will be much larger and more commodious than the old.

Mr. P. K. Holmes, freight agent of the C. P. R. at Bridge River has been staying for a few days with his brother, the Reeve on Prospect Hill. Mr. Holmes is on his way to Cariboo, Maine, where he is entering into a large shipping business.

Among the residences built or in course of construction on the Ridge, east of the depot, those of Mr. M. McQuarrie, Capt. McMurdie and Mr. J. K. Brydon are conspicious. The fall of the leaf has revealed that extensive building operations have been carried on in that locality during summer.

Mr. Caldwell of Rapid City, a connection of the well-known lumber firm of Caldwell Brothers, has been in town looking after his interests in the recently acquired logs and saw mill of R. J. Short. Mr. Caldwell went out on the lake with teams and supplies to secure the logs cut last season, and has since gone west.

Last week witnessed an uncommon occurrence at Rat Portage. On Wednesday evening boats crossed from Rat Portage to Keewatin and there was no indication of ice on the lake. On Thursday morning the lake was frozen over and skaters crossed from the town to Tunnel Island. Since then, work has commenced on a skating rink which will probably stand firm until late in April, unless, as some predict, the recent cold snap is followed by an open winter.

The Free Press says:—Parties from Rat Portage, who have been examining the railway bridge at that place, have but little faith in its security as a permanent structure. In addition to the iron superstructure being faulty, it is said that the masonry shows signs of decay, from lack of good mortar or cement, the work having been done hurriedly by the Dominion Government, and in severe winter weather. A rigid inspection of the bridge is urged.

REJOINED.—Mrs. Smith, nee Seagar, who was married at Rat Portage last summer, and who has since been visiting her friends in and near Toronto, rejoined her husband at Port Arthur last week.

LICENSES.—We believe it is in contemplation at an early day to close all drinking saloons not duly licensed by the local license commissioners. Those interested had better govern themselves accordingly.

CO-OPERATION.—In consequence of the non-arrival of expected supplies of coal from Port Arthur, several citizens are talking of clubbing together to procure car loads on their own account. There was only one base-burning stove in the town last winter; now there are dozens.

ANOTHER CLUB.—Some of our leading young men are talking of organizing a musical and dramatic club for the delectation of the public during the long winter evenings. It is to be hoped it will not "peter out" like the Bodega "club," which promised much at the beginning and is now no more.

BY-LAW.—All citizens are recommended to make themselves acquainted with the provisions of the by-law passed at the last meeting of the Ontario Council prohibiting the deposit of refuse etc. on the streets and in the vicinity of dwellings. The police will receive orders to see that this by-law is properly enforced.

MONEY ORDER OFFICE.—Mr. Dawson's ante-election promise (founded on a despatch from Carling's brewery), that Rat Portage should have a money order office at once, seems to hang fire somehow. Is the town in bad odour because of Mr. Plummer's small majority?

INCREDIBLE.—A story is abroad that on one of the sub-contracts east of Prince Arthur's Landing a number of Mormon workmen have been engaged and that some of them have as many as five wives. We are inclined to think that this is one of the pleasantries habitually indulged in by Mr. Rory McLennan.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. Jones, late foreman of the C. P. R. Round House at Rat Portage, now employed at Fort William, moved his family east this week. Mr. Jones before his departure was made the recipient of a handsome gold signet ring as a token of respect from his fellow employees, and Mrs. Jones at the same time was presented with a handsome silver cake basket.

LICENSES.—We understand a license has been applied for and will be issued by the Ontario Board of Commissioners to Mr. George Deery, hotel keeper at Vermillion Bay. Mr. Deery states that since the first of April last he has been mulct of $600 in the shape of fines by Messrs. McCabe and Brereton, Dominion and Manitoba magistrates. Other licenses will be granted along the line, to hotel and tavern keepers having the required accommodations.

SIGNIFICANT.—An official communication from the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa was recently received by one of our citizens, addressed, on both letter and envelope, "Rat Portage, District of Algoma, Ontario." Last year the post office stamp here described Rat Portage as in Manitoba. This year it is Rat Portage, Keewatin. Next year it will undoubtedly be changed again in accordance with the prevision of the Department of Agriculture which, being presided over by a Quebec Minister, is unlikely to have any special affinities for Ontario in connection with the boundary question.

TIMBER LICENSES.—An Order-in-Council was recently passed granting the late Captain Wylie a timber license covering forty square miles near the Northwest Angle of the Lake of the Woods on the Manitoba side of the International boundary line. With reference to the limits at Crow Lake we cannot learn that they have been granted to R. J. Short or to any other party, and the reports that have been current to the effect that Shields, Lewis and others have been granted permits to cut at various points on the Lake of the Woods are, we have good reason to believe, totally void of foundation.

STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.—An Ottawa despatch to a Toronto paper says:—

"Thirteen steamers and four steam tow barges on Lake of the Woods have been inspected and measured by the Steamboat Inspector. These are principally engaged in carrying camp supplies. The same inspector also examined steamers in Port Arthur, and reports that the greatest danger to be feared of casualties to shipping along the north shore of Lake Superior arises from overloading, the supplies to go forward being much greater than the carrying capacity of the vessels engaged in that district.

THE FIELD BATTERY OUTRAGE.—It is the duty of the civil magistrate to rely on the ordinary constabulary force until it is ascertained that they are inadequate for the purpose of maintaining the peace, and in no case is it permissible to bring an armed force in the vicinity of the polls. The people were peaceable and orderly. It was well known that there was a police force quite adequate for the purpose of maintaining order. The whole proceeding is a disgrace to those who had recourse to it, is an insult to the dignity of this Province—one which every man in the country having a spark of patriotism will resent by all constitutional means, nor will he be satisfied until those who have wantonly insulted the Province receive at the hands of the public the punishment that the outrage demands.—London Advertiser.

A CALL.—A recent issue of the Battleford Herald gives an account of the organization of a Presbyterian Church at that post. The Herald says:—

The question of who should be sent having come up, several gentlemen who are acquainted with Rev. J. C. Tibb, late of Rapid City but now of Rat Portage, expressed the belief that he would be a good man and likely to be generally acceptable to the people. Mr. Robertson approved the choice, and suggested that a call be extended to him, and if he accepted, the Board would appoint him to the charge; but if the call were declined, Mr. Robertson would lose no time in securing a minister. In order that there should be no delay, the action of the meeting was telegraphed to Revs. Dr. Gordon, Winnipeg, to Dr. Cochrane, Brantford and to Mr. Tibb.

We understand the Rev. Mr. Tibb, who is very popular at Rat Portage, promptly assured his friends in the far west that he could not think of leaving his present charge—a fact which cannot fail to be gratifying, not only to his congregation but to the many friends he and his estimable lady have made during the short time that has elapsed since they have taken up their residence among us.

THE LATE CAPTAIN WYLIE.

The following extended reference to the late Captain Wylie was unfortunately omitted from our last issue:

Some forty years ago Captain Wylie became identified with lake navigation and, later, he owned several tugs and schooners plying on the Georgian Bay which he only left in order to accept a position as a constructor of steamboats in connection with the water stretches on the Dawson route. He remained so employed for two years when he again struck out on his own account. He built the 'Speedwell, (the first steamer ever built by private enterprise in the North-west) for service on the Lake of the Woods. He ran it himself from that time until the summer of 1882, when, as most of our readers will remember, it was sunk on a reef in the vicinity of Manitou Island. He also owned a small sidewheel steamer which was, unfortunately, lost on the Long Sault, Rainy River. After those mishaps befell him Capt. Wylie gave up a good deal of his time to lumbering to which end he endured untold hardships, privations and exposure, and no doubt his end was largely hastened thereby. No obstacle of wind or weather, frost or snow, ever daunted him when he had a set purpose in view. If he decided that a thing was to be done he went to work and did it, without the least show or pretence of estimating any difficulties in his way. He was, in a word, a genuine specimen of the Canadian pioneer, who retained to the last an unconquerable will which refused to recognize that he was on the verge of eternity.

For the last year he had shewn signs of a gradual break up of his constitution and on one or two occasions had been forced to keep to his room. But he rallied and no one thought up to a few weeks since that he was approaching his end.

Capt. Wylie was married on St. Josephs Island about thirty years ago to a sister of Mr. Thomas Marks, the well known merchant and contractor of Port Arthur. He leaves behind him three sons and two daughters, two of the former being proprietors of the Queens Hotel at Port Arthur, and one of the latter being married to Mr. W. H. Plummer, Sault Ste. Marie, recently a candidate for Algoma in the Local Legislature.

The remains of the deceased were borne from the residence of Mr. Thompson, Main Street, on Tuesday noon, to the C. P. R. depot for removal to Port Arthur, a large concourse of citizens following in procession, headed by the sons of the deceased as chief mourners. The Rev. Mr. Tibb conducted the service of the Presbyterian church prior to the remains being removed to the station.

MANITOBA "JUSTICE'S JUSTICE."

Last Saturday evening week, an old soldier of the 20th Regiment named John Sullivan, who came up with Col. Wolseley's expedition in 1870, was arrested by the Manitoba police, for being drunk, and confined in the den misnamed a lock-up. On Sunday, John was taken over to the "Woodbine" for his meals—the charge therefor to the Manitoba authorities being 75 cents. On being brought before Magistrate Brereton, on Monday, enquiry was made as to the amount of expenditure incurred, which being ascertained, John was sentenced to go out and earn—presumably by sawing wood—sufficient to pay the debt, with the alternative of imprisonment if he didn't! John set to work sawing wood, but before he had a chance of paying for the meals he was fallen foul of by the Ontario police, for being drunk and incapable, and locked up in the jail on the hill. Next morning he was brought before Stipendiary Lyon and in default of paying the fine imposed, was sentenced to ten days' imprisonment. He is now employed in sawing wood and doing other little odd jobs for the Ontario government.

"MANITOBA" COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The "Manitoba" Council was called together on Monday evening, at 7.30 by Mayor Oliver, (at the request of Attorney-Gen. Miller). At 7.30 the Mayor strolled in smoking a cigarette. Mr. Miller was already there. The clerk, (Mr. Mitchell), appeared at about 7.35 and had a conversation with the A.-G. re liquor licenses. Mr. Miller quietly smoked his cigar until Messrs. Gadbois and Kobold appeared. Magistrate Brereton and Town Solicitor Brydon were the next arrivals and after a considerable lapse of time and any amount of small talk from the policemen present Councillor McKinnon arrived. It was remarked by His Honor that Alexander was absent, but as it was 8 o'clock the Mayor called the meeting to order.

The minutes of a former meeting were read. They consisted of a number of unpaid accounts which had been referred to the Finance Committee. These were adopted.

The minutes of the last meeting were not to be found. The clerk said he did not think there had been any minutes taken, nevertheless, such as they were, they were adopted. Hon. Mr. Miller, owing to the intense heat radiated from the sheetiron stove, said he did not care to stay all night and would explain at once why he had come there. He was anxious that the boundary question should be settled at once. He had promised his constituents, when elected, or previous to his election, that he would have this question settled. He had tried to settle the dispute with Mr. McMahon over the Boston O'Brien case, but Mr. McM. would not discuss the question of jurisdiction. Now, he saw a way to force the Government of Ontario to join issue with the Government of Manitoba, and the question could be raised between the rival corporations. He was prepared to take the matter in hand and carry it through without expense to the corporation. He would take action against the reeve and corporation of Ontario and have them show cause why they interfered with the town and the government thereof. Manitoba was prepared to defend her corporation against "interlopers" and defend her "rights" to this territory. The matter might go to a higher tribunal, but Manitoba was prepared to bear the expense.

It was then moved by Counciller Gadbois, seconded by Councillor Alexander "that the Attorney-General be instructed to take any action that he might deem necessary under instructions from this Council to prevent Holmes, (reeve), Stubbs, Baker, Chadwick and McDonald from interfering with this corporation and the government and management of the town."

Councillor McKinnon pointed out that the people here were going along quietly and peaceably and that this action on the part of the Council, if assented to, would create a bad feeling in the community. He did not see the necessity of creating any bad blood and could not support the motion. Councillor Kobold concurred in the remarks of Councillor McKinnon.

Attorney-General Miller explained that this motion, if carried, would certainly "knock the boundary question into a cocked hat."

Mr. Alexander, who was very voluble in his remarks, said the Manitoba Council had held office for ten months, and that they had the reputation of "playing at Council." if the thing were to continue, they had better drop the matter altogether, as they were being laughed at about town. After this, there were calls for motion, eventuating in a great deal of talk and smoke (everybody smoked).

The Mayor put the motion: the mover and seconder for, McKinnon and Kobold against. The Mayor was called on for his vote. He replied that he wished the matter left over for a week, he wanted a little consideration on it.

Mr. Miller here insisted on the Mayor's vote and called on the Town Solicitor (Brydon) to give his opinion as to whether the Mayor was obliged to vote on the question or not. Brydon, of course, gave his opinion in favor of the Atty-Gen'l.

Hon. Mr. Miller then said that he had interviewed the Mayor and Council during the afternoon and explained the motion and its object; that he had found Mr. Oliver in favor of it, and that he had said that "it was just what was required—the best thing he'd heard of yet." Mr. Miller was surprised now to find Mr. Oliver opposed to it. He (Atty.-Gen'l Miller) did not care whether the motion was voted through or not, but if not, on to-morrow morning he would have every whiskey seller arrested and brought before him (Oliver) and he (Oliver) would be compelled to fine them. He (Miller) had the informations in his pocket and he would show Mr. Oliver that he did not depend on him or this motion to carry his point. Mr. Miller then left, (presumably to take in fuel). His Worship, under the pressure and banter of the mover, seconder, Brereton, Brydon and numerous Manitoba policemen then declared the motion carried.

More "bills" were presented and referred to the Finance Committee, after which, the Council adjourned to the Rideout House. Hon. Mr. Miller joined the body there and was loud in the expression of his opinion that it was time to exterminate Ontario officials from the disputed territory.

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A Murderous Attack on Four Englishmen in Paris.

A Paris cable despatch says: The recent affrays on the outer boulevards of Paris have now been followed by an attack upon four respectable English mechanics, whose only offence was that they interfered, in the absence of the police, to save the life of a man who was being barbarously maltreated by four ruffians. It was for this kind of ruffianism that the celebrated "Residivistes" bill was enacted.

The following are the details of the case as related by eye-witnesses and the Secretary of the Mairie of the Twelfth Arrondissement: "Shortly after half-past 11 Monday night, four Englishmen, named Pope, Sage, Bowen, and Forstmeister, the last being a British subject, though German by extraction, were playing billiards in an upper room used nightly by them in the Brasserie, No. 32 Rue Traversiere, a dark, narrow street leading in to the Faubourg Saint Antoine. The Englishmen, who were from the Swan United Electric-Light Company's factory, had chosen this Brasserie because when they spoke English elsewhere they were often mistaken by French people for Germans. While the game of billiards was tranquilly proceeding an alarm was raised in the street. The Englishmen rushed out and found four ruffianly-looking men endeavoring to strangle an Alsatian named Weiss, who was crying for help. Pope immediately interfered, and was joined by his comrades. Weiss was dragged into the Brasserie, where he declared his assailants had called him a Prussian and had threatened to have his life.

The second and more serious part of the drama now began. The Englishmen waited quietly at the door, when in about five minutes Weiss assailants returned, and before any defense could be made, attacked and stabbed all four of the Englishmen. Pope, who did not know that the knife of one of the ruffians had pierced him close to the heart, actually knocked the fellow down and then sank upon the ground with the blood pouring upon the pavement. The ruffians immediately took to flight, and their victims were carried into the billiard-room and laid upon the table upon which they had been playing a quarter of an hour before the attack. They were subsequently removed to the Hospital of Saint Antoine and thence to No. 32 Avenue Daumesnil, where beds were hastily improvised, and where they now lie in a precarious state. The police are reticent, because they say any imprudent revelation might destroy the clew to the assassins.

DR. ZUKERTORT.

The Great German Chess-player Shows His Skill.

Dr. Zukertort, the German champion chess-player, performed the difficult feat of playing simultaneously twelve games, "blindfolded," at the rooms of the Manhattan Chess Club, in New York. Twelve tables, with a chess-board on each, were arranged along the sides of the front parlor, with a player behind each table. Dr. Zukertort was seated at a table in the rear parlor. The folding doors between the two rooms were open, but the champion had his back turned towards the players, and could not possibly see the chessmen. The following were the gentlemen against whom he played:—Prof. Hice, Simon, Isaacson, Osborne, Merian, J. W. Baird, Spingle, Hyde, Pinkham, Schieffelin, Parnell and Fisher. One of the members of the club walked up and down alongside the tables, announced the move of each player in a loud voice, and moved the pieces for Dr. Zukertort as ordered by the latter. The first few moves were made rapidly, but as the games advanced and the positions became more complicated, he took more time to deliberate, at the same time bringing out his pawns admirably and supporting every one that was open to attack.

Dr. Zukertort's remarkable memory formed the theme of conversation among many of the members, for he not only knew the exact position of the men on each board, but remembered every move that had been made since the opening of the games. On one occasion he ordered "Pawn takes pawn." "Which pawn?" asked the caller, and the reply immediately came, "Only one of my pawns can take; only one pawn take it." The spectators smiled and cheered. Later on in the game, when Hyde's number was called and his move was announced, Dr. Zukertort ordered his move. "Cannot be done," the caller said. The champion deliberated for a few seconds, and then asked for the number of the player. He was told it was number 6, and he remarked, "You are right; there is a knight there; I thought I was playing No. 11, where if I had made that move, I should have opened a splendid attack. But to show you that I know the positions on No. 6, I'll tell you where every man stands." He proceeded to do so, and was correct. The spectators then looked at board No. 11, and found that Dr. Zukertort was also correct in saying that that move would have opened a powerful attack.

THE SEA SERPENT EXPLAINED

Vice-Admiral W. Gore Jones writes to the London Times:—In 1848, I was attached to H. M. S. St. Vincent, bearing the flag of Sir Charles Napier, and lying at Spithead. One summer's evening, about 8 o'clock, just as the officers were sitting down to dinner, the midshipmen of the watch ran into the wardroom and reported that a sea serpent was passing rapidly between the ship and the Isle of Wight (this was after the reported appearance of the Dædalus sea serpent.) We all got our glasses and went on deck, and there, sure enough, about a mile off, was a large monster, with a head and shaggy mane, about 10 feet long, and tapering towards the tail; it was going with the tide, and had a rapid, undulating motion. Two or three boats were manned, and some officers got their guns and went in pursuit. We watched them from the ship; they gradually got close, and guns were raised and levelled at the creature's head; but just as we thought the sport was about to begin, down went the guns, and from their gestures we saw something very laughable had occurred. On their return we found that the supposed sea serpent was a long line of soot. Some steamer in the Southampton waters had evidently swept her dirty flues, and the soot from the tubes or flues is always of a very sticky nature, and as it was pitched overboard it went away with the tide, sticking together, and gradually forming into the shape of a long serpent, the wave motion giving it an undulating, life-like appearance. In this case, if the boats had not gone, we should have believed we had seen the real sea serpent; and this "arrangement in soot" is evidently what Mr. Highton saw. The curl he describes towards the tail end arose from an occasional wave having a little more than ordinary velocity, and carrying its dusky crest for a moment along with it, while a strong tide and fair wind would have considerable velocity.

BY THE CLOCK.

How George Wentz Set the Time for His Death, and Hung Himself to a Bedpost.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

George Wentz, a butcher, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by hanging himself to a bedpost at his home, corner of Race and Green streets. One year ago he tried to end his life in precisely the same manner, but was cut down by a twelve-year old boy named Dave Drach. At that time he lived at 64 Findlay street. Wentz was fifty-seven years of age. He leaves a wife and three children.

Up to last Thursday he worked at Mitchell's pork-house, but on that day he was discharged for calling the foreman a vile name. The foreman had warned him that he would be discharged if he did not come to work on time in the morning from that day on. For three months he had been drinking hard, and lately his brain became affected from the liquor. Night before last he was restless and did not sleep. At two o'clock in the morning he got up and set the clock at the hour of three and then stopped it. His wife asked what he did that for, and he replied that he would die at three. He kept his word. Yesterday Mrs. Wentz, who was the second wife of the suicide, went out washing. At noon when the children returned from school to dinner they found their father locked in his room. After repeated raps he opened the door and bade them good-bye, and kissed each one on the forehead. The children had no idea he intended to kill himself, and went off to school. About three o'clock one of the boys came home and saw his father walking up and down the room with a clothes line around his neck. At the boy's appearance Wentz locked the door. Fifteen minutes later the door was forced open and Wentz was found hanging to the bedpost dead. He had dropped over on his knees. Lieutenant Beninger was called to cut the rope.

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